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SOFTBALL SWITCH

The Eastern softball team fell twice to No. 22-ranked La. but grabbed wins over Iowa and Samford University this weekend.

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BEAT BY PEAY

Austin Peay beat the women's basketball team 75-66 after taking control of the game early in the first half.

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According to a sociology professor at Eastern, about 30-35 percent of students have a problem securing food on a regular basis. However, food pantries in Mattoon and Charleston offer assistance with this, as well as helping students secure furniture and other necessities.

Food insecurity on campus

30 to 35 percent of students do not get enough food on a daily basis— but there are resources around Eastern that can help

By Andrew Paisley  
Campus Reporter | Andrew\_Paisley1

While hunger is an issue that affects students on campus, there are places in the community that can help them get food and other necessities. Sociology professor Michael Gillespie, adviser of the EIU Hunger Action Team, which is an organization that works to educate people about poverty in the community, said between 30 to 35 percent of students do not get enough food on a daily basis. “Many of these students want to eat healthy, but have limited access to a nutritionally adequate food supply,” Gillespie said. “This is important, because food security is not just about having enough food, but also that what is available and consumed is balanced and healthy.” Food insecurity is defined as the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. Gillespie said many students facing food insecurity are often cutting back on their food budget because of school-related expenses, housing and utility costs and other life expenses such as transportation and job-related costs. There are several food pantries in the area that students can access for multiple resources.

On-campus

The Newman Catholic Center, located at 500 Roosevelt Ave., has a food pantry that is open on Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. “The idea to have a food pantry was presented by Michael Gillespie, which, according to his research, there has been an increase of students in need of food assistance,” said Doris Nordin, campus minister of the Newman Catholic Center. “He presented statistics and helped us realize that it was an issue in Coles County and at Eastern as well.” The Newman Catholic Center first spoke to the Eastern Illinois Food Bank in Urbana, whose employees let them know the procedures and guidelines to be followed to be able to open a food pantry.

“Before we accepted, we met with the St. Vincent De Paul Society, an international assistance program from the Catholic church that works for the poor in the Charleston area,” Nordin said. “They prayed about this and graciously committed themselves to help us financially open a food pantry.” Nordin said sometimes a group of students will organize a food drive at the center, which helps a lot. “We offer foods such as basic dry grains, vegetables, fruit, meat, canned soup, juices and cereal,” Nordin said.

“Many of these students want to eat healthy, but have limited access to a nutritionally adequate food supply.”

-Michael Gillespie, sociology professor and adviser for EIU Hunger Action Team

The food from the Newman Catholic Center is ordered from the Eastern Illinois Food Bank in Urbana once a month. “Anyone wishing to come and get food just needs to bring their Panther ID card,” Nordin said.

In Charleston

Standing Stone and Carpenters Table Food Pantry, located at 375 N. 14th St., is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. “At Standing Stone, we offer a point system for each person wishing to come get food,” said Dawn

Thomson, founder and executive director of Standing Stone. “Each person has 15 points, and each item of food costs a certain amount of points. For example, a can of corn is one point and a box of macaroni and cheese is two points.” Thomson said students who bring their own bags or boxes to carry food will get an extra point when they visit. “Bread and meat are free to anyone, as they cost no points, as well as any frozen food we may have,” Thomson said. “Anyone coming in to get food needs to sign in, and they are allowed to visit up to twice a month or every other week.”

Standing Stone works with the Eastern Illinois Food Bank in Urbana and several other student volunteer programs. Thomson said all the food provided at the pantry is fresh and in great condition. “We do not have many students who visit because we are located in the opposite side of town,” Thomson said.

“But we hope to have more come visit us and we want to help anyone in need.” The Charleston Food Pantry, located at 990 W. State St., is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

“We give a three-day supply of food to each family or individual person who visits the pantry,” said assistant director Kenda Condron. “We give food based on a person’s monthly income.” A household of one person at the Charleston Food Pantry must give proof that shows they have a monthly income of less than \$1,859. A household of two or more people must give proof that shows they have a monthly income of less than \$2,504. Everyone must show a photo ID as well. Condron said each box of food given contains a choice of canned meat and dessert, peanut butter, canned beans and carrots, juice, canned fruits and vegetables, potatoes, soup, crackers, pasta and tomato sauce.

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Panel to go over threats to higher education

By Brooke Schwartz  
Administration Reporter | @brookesch\_wartz

Threats to higher education in Illinois and what can be done to solve them will be talked about during a forum set for 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Charleston/Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Speaking at the forum will be panelists English professor Jeannie Ludlow, coordinator of the women’s, gender and sexuality studies program, history professor Bailey Young, biological sciences professor Billy Hung and Provost Jay Gatrell. The forum is sponsored by the Faculty Senate, the Student Government and the Provost’s office. It will include each panelist talking for around seven minutes about what they see as coming threats and pressures to higher education and what can be done in response. The pressures being placed on higher education that the forum will discuss include SB 4103 and HB 2234. The bills look at creating one application process for all universities in Illinois. Other threats to higher education include decreased funding throughout Illinois for higher education and a possible guaranteed admission for all high school graduates with a B average. Changing to a one-application system could be dangerous for Eastern and other campuses, Young said. “My great concern is that the thinking, if it can be called that, behind this sort of legislation is ‘let’s save money by centralizing things on the assumption that one size fits all,’” Young said. “This means that decisions are made somewhere else, let’s say in Springfield, that affect the ability of this university to give the best education it can to its students.” Economics professor Teshome Abebe said while these bills may be attractive to potential students and families, they would not necessarily benefit Illinois’ universities. “I think students might like (one application), I think parents might like (one application), but I don’t know who else would support such a position,” Abebe said. Young is worried about how such bills might affect a university’s ability to adapt and change throughout time. “I’ve been here for more than 20 years and it’s been an excellent university all that time, but it hasn’t stayed the same,” Young said. “I’ve been here while we’ve had the maximum enrollment, when people were doubled up in offices.” Now, there are many empty offices because of the decline in enrollment, Young said. He said Eastern was able to keep up its morale and relationship with the students and community during the times of low enrollment and funding because of its ability to adapt. “Measures like (these bills) could take away (that) ability,” Young said. Abebe and Young are both on the Faculty Senate’s forum committee, which helped pick this topic. The committee picked this topic because it became aware that threats heading toward universities were not unique to Eastern.

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Trump to reveal \$1.5 trillion infrastructure proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Monday will unveil his long-awaited infrastructure plan, a \$1.5 trillion proposal that fulfills a number of campaign goals, but relies heavily on state and local governments to produce much of the funding.

The administration's plan is centered on using \$200 billion in federal money to leverage local and state tax dollars to fix America's infrastructure, such as roads, highways, ports and airports.

Trump has repeatedly blamed the "crumbling" state of the nation's roads and highways for preventing the American economy from reaching its full potential. Many in Washington believe that Trump should have begun his term a year ago with an infrastructure push, one that could have garnered bipartisan support or, at minimum, placed Democrats in a bind for opposing a popular political measure.

But the administration chose to begin with health care, and relations with Democrats have only grown more strained during a turbulent, contentious year. The White House, now grappling with the fallout from the departure of a senior aide after spousal abuse allegations, may not have an easy time navigating a massive infrastructure plan through a polarized Congress. It just grappled with two federal government shutdowns and will soon turn its attention to immigration.

Half the money would go to grants for transportation, water, flood control, cleanup at some of the country's most polluted sites and other projects.

States, local governments and other project sponsors could use the grants — which administration officials view as incentives — for no more than 20 percent of the cost. Transit agencies generally count on the federal government for half the cost of major construction projects, and federal dollars can make up as much as 80 percent of some highway projects.

About \$50 billion would go toward rural projects — transportation, broadband, water, waste, power, flood management and ports. That is intended to address criticism from some

Republican senators that the administration's initial emphasis on public-private partnerships would do little to help rural, GOP-leaning states

But a number of Democrats and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce have pushed the administration to commit far more federal dollars, funded by tax increases, or by closing tax loopholes. And environmental groups expressed worry about its impact.

"President Trump's infrastructure proposal is a disaster," said Shelley Poticha, of the Natural Resources Defense Council. "It fails to offer the investment needed to bring our country into the 21st century. Even worse, his plan includes an unacceptable corporate giveaway by truncating environmental reviews."

3 dead, 4 rescued after helicopter crash in Arizona

PHOENIX (AP) — Four survivors of a deadly tour helicopter crash onto the jagged rocks of the Grand Canyon were being treated at a Nevada hospital Sunday while crews tackled difficult terrain in a remote area to try to recover the bodies of three other people.

Six passengers and a pilot were on board the Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters chopper when it crashed under unknown circumstances Saturday evening on the Hualapai Nation's land near Quartermaster Canyon, by the Grand Canyon's West Rim.

A witness said he saw flames and black smoke spewing from the crash site, heard explosions and saw victims who were bleeding and badly burned.

"It's just horrible," witness Teddy Fujimoto said. "And those victims — she was so badly burned. It's unimaginable, the pain."

Windy conditions, darkness and the rugged terrain made it difficult to reach the helicopter's wreckage, Hualapai Nation Police Chief Francis Bradley said. Rescue crews had to fly in, walk to the crash site and use night vision goggles to find their way around, he said.

The survivors were airlifted to a Las Vegas hospital by around 2 a.m. Sunday, Bradley said. The identities and nationalities of the dead and injured weren't immediately released.

Mattis says North Korea can't drive wedge between South Korea, US

ROME (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis says it's too early to tell if any of the overtures between North and South Korea during the Olympic Games are creating a chance for peace on the Korean Peninsula.

But he rejected any suggestion Sunday that even a temporary warming of relations between the North and South could drive a wedge between Seoul and Washington.

His remarks came after North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un's sister, who is attending the Olympics, invited South Korea's president, Moon Jae-in, to visit Pyongyang.

Mattis said it's unclear "if using the Olympics in a way to reduce tension — if that's going to have any traction once the Olympics are over. We can't say right now."

Speaking to reporters traveling with him on a weeklong trip to Europe, Mattis said the North's decision to hold a recent military parade that highlighted its ballistic missiles confuses any messages of thawing tensions on the peninsula.

"I don't know if it's a sign," Mattis said. "That's a very strange time if, in fact, he's trying to show a warming to the country that he has attacked repeatedly as an American puppet."

He said that when he met South Korea's defense minister in January, it was made clear "there is no wedge that can be driven between us by North Korea."

Russian airliner crashes moments after takeoff, kills all 71 aboard

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian airliner that had just taken off from the country's second-busiest airport crashed Sunday, killing all 71 people aboard and scattering jagged chunks of wreckage across a snowy field outside Moscow.

The pilots of the An-148 regional jet did not report any problems before the twin-engine aircraft plunged into the field about 40 kilometers (25 miles) from Domodedovo Airport,

authorities said.

The Saratov Airlines flight disappeared from radar just minutes after departure for the city of Orsk, some 1,500 kilometers (1,000 miles) to the southeast.

Transport Minister Maksim Sokolov confirmed that there were no survivors.

The 65 passengers ranged in age from 5 to 79, according to a list posted by the Russian Emergencies Ministry, which did not give their nationalities. Six crew members were also aboard.

Emergency workers combed through the field while investigators descended on the airport to search for clues to what brought the jet down. One of the flight recorders was recovered, Russian news reports said, but it was not immediately clear if it was the data or voice recorder.

The airport has been the focus of security concerns in the past. Security lapses came under sharp criticism in 2004, after Chechen suicide bombers destroyed two airliners that took off from the airport on the same evening, killing a total of 90 people. A 2011 bombing in the arrivals area killed 37 people.

Investigators also conducted a search at the airline's main office in Saratov, reports said.

Russia's Investigative Committee said all possible causes were being considered. Some reports suggested there were questions about whether the plane had been properly de-iced. Moderate snow was falling in much of Moscow at the time of the crash.

Airline spokeswoman Elena Voronova told the state news agency RIA Novosti that one of the pilots had more than 5,000 hours of flying time, 2,800 of them in an An-148. The other pilot had 812 hours of experience, largely in that model plane.

Tass said the plane entered service in 2010 for a different airline, but was held out of service for two years because of a parts shortage. It resumed flying in 2015 and joined Saratov's fleet a year ago.

TV footage from the crash site showed airplane fragments lying in the snow. Reports said the pieces were strewn over an area about a kilometer (0.6 miles) wide.

A plane can disappear from radar when it gets too close to the ground to reflect radar signals.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

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Guts, Guns, and Buns | 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM | Student Rec Center

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Meet and network with school administrators from throughout the region. This event is intended for all teacher education majors from Freshman to Senior.

I Gotta Find a PEACE of Mind: Black & Mental Health | 7:00 PM | Lumpkin Hall



# Fundraiser set to benefit HOPE

Staff Report | @DEN\_News

Artists will donate hand-crafted bowls that people can buy for the 15th annual “Bowls of HOPE” fundraiser.

The fundraiser is set for 5 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 27 and proceeds will go to help HOPE.

It will feature soups, sides, drinks and sweets from volunteers and local businesses, as well as the bowls from community artists, according to a press release.

“Bowls of HOPE” will be at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 2206 4th St. Tickets are \$15 for soup and a bowl, or \$5 for soup

only.

According to the press release, HOPE is an East Central Illinois organization that helps those dealing with domestic violence with different services.

These include a 24-hour emergency shelter and hotline, transitional housing programs, legal advocacy, children’s programs, counseling, emergency transportation, community education, referrals and volunteer programs.

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## Getting ready for the week



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Events allow expression

The many events and activities being put on for African-American Heritage Month give everyone a way to participate.

Some are choosing to honor African-American Heritage Month by learning about important black historical figures. Others are putting on and attending informative panels that have to do with topics that are important to the African-American community.

One event that has happened this month was an open mic event, where students were expressing themselves and their feelings on heritage and history through song, poetry and more.

In today's society, it is often seen that the arts, and art in general, are discouraged and that other pursuits are seen as more important. However, art is an extremely important and valid way of expressing oneself and can even be seen as a form of protest if done right. When people use their art to tackle tough subjects or use it to understand a part of history or the past, such as they are doing during these open mic events and poetry slams, they are doing a service to themselves and their communities.

At one of these open mic nights, a poem by senior sociology major Jade Lewis took on the subject of police brutality. "We live in a world where they try to disgrace us instead of embrace us, filled with crooked cops killing unarmed blacks. You are smart, kind and important, and only your fellow brothers and sisters know that you're worth it," she recited at the recent "My Black is ... Empowering" poetry slam.

These strong words show the power poetry can have to express injustice, and in the process create social change. Social justice and activism is for everyone, including those who identify more as creatives. We hope that we see even more students expressing themselves and using their voices in a powerful way as the month continues.

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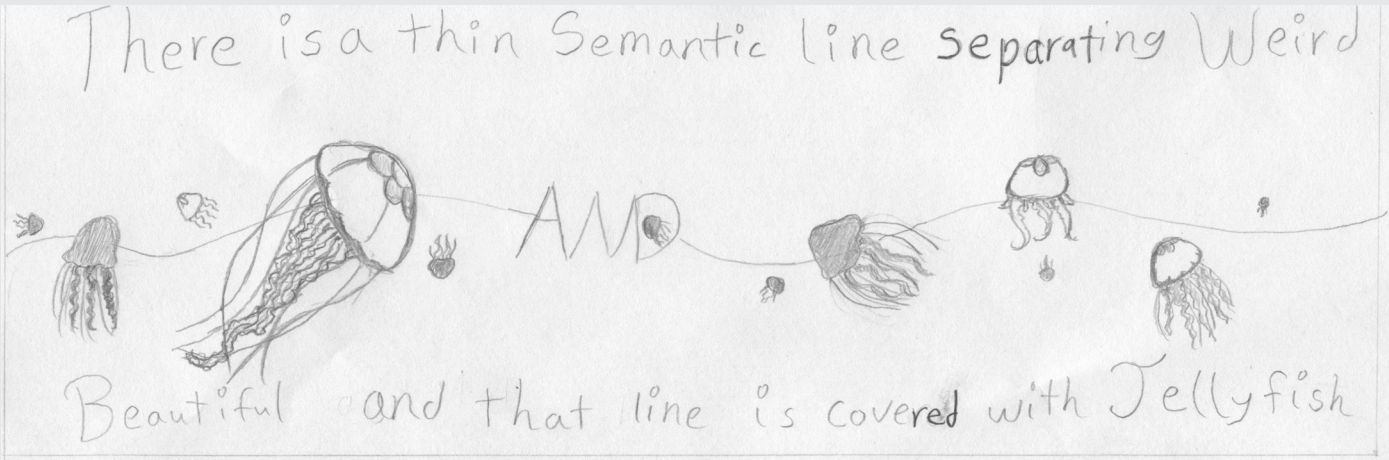
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The simplest things are beautiful



E.V. DAVIS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Valentine's Day is not just for dates

A lot of times, people really get down in the dumps when it comes to Valentine's Day. The majority of these people are single, and they think because they do not have a significant other that this holiday is just supposed to be sad, lonely and depressing for them.

To a certain extent, I can understand why people would feel this way. I am single also, and it is very easy for me to be down on Valentine's Day. But, I choose not to be.

Just because I do not have a boyfriend this year does not mean I cannot celebrate this holiday. I can choose to spend it celebrating with my friends who I love and who are dear to me. I mean seriously, what is better than watching chick flicks and stuffing our faces with candy?

It upsets me to see people who spend this particular day being upset.

Maybe a bad breakup recently happened or they lost their significant other,



Andrew Paisley

and I can understand why people would be upset. But we cannot let the happiness other people who are in relationships have bring us down.

I consider Valentine's Day to be a lot like Thanksgiving. Clearly, there is a difference, but on Valentine's Day I like to look back and appreciate all the people who I love in this world, my family, friends, etc. Those people will always be there for you, so why not dedicate the holiday to them?

If it makes you feel any better, there are a lot of couples who do not even celebrate Valentine's Day. Those people feel that we do not have to have a specific day to celebrate the love we have for our significant other. I tend to agree with them, but at the same time it is nice to have one day where couples can go out and have a nice meal, see a movie or just spend the evening at home together.

My point is, do not think that you are unworthy of celebrating this holiday just because you are single. There are plenty of things to celebrate in life, and you can either sit at home all sad and depressed or choose to spend the day celebrating other people in your life that you are truly grateful for. I plan to spend the holiday doing the latter.

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Take advantage of opportunities

To me, nothing looks worse than blatantly not paying attention and then raising your hand to ask a question that the presenter literally just got done covering.

It makes you look like an idiot to the rest of the of the group, and also incredibly rude to the person presenting.

Myself and seven others in the journalism department just went to Nashville for a Sports Reporting Workshop that ESPN's Buster Olney put together.

Olney presented with a large group of volunteers who, by the way, are professional journalists who write for ESPN, the Memphis Grizzlies, Tennessee Titans, *Sports Illustrated*, some who used to cover the NFL, NBA, MLB and more professional outlets.

It goes without saying that the knowledge they brought to the sessions was valuable.

Far more valuable than the conversation between two college students who sat leaned back, feet up, with no attempt to whisper while one of the presenters talked about covering games and how to improve coverage.

It was not a large room, so their voices carried and myself and two of the people I was with could not believe they were doing it.

It made it hard for us, and the others sitting near them, to focus on the presentation.



Sean Hastings

Then the kids had the audacity to reword exactly what the presenter said as a question — not getting confirmation on what he just said, but legitimately asking a question, which was just covered.

For starters, the conference is \$100 to attend, which all things considered, is cheap, especially because the professionals are not being paid to do it. Instead, they do it because they care about helping young journalists who aspire to get to the next level.

Maybe they paid attention in the other sessions throughout the day, I do not know, but why would you waste a chance to have a 50-minute session with someone who knows far more than you?

There were 125 student journalists who attended the conference, and I know for sure there are far more across the 50 states

who are going to be looking for a job in the next couple years.

And you have a chance to sit in a room with 20 others (there were three sessions at each time) to gain knowledge and ask real questions and not questions that the presenter clearly just talked about but questions that he did not cover.

I have no idea who these kids were, but it just blows my mind how some people are just outright disrespectful and waste opportunities that thousands of kids would kill for.

Who knows? Maybe these kids know it all already and have jobs lined up to cover the MLB, but to belittle the presenter in that way is ridiculous.

The presenters definitely have important things to be doing but take the time out of their day to speak genuinely to the students willing to learn.

For example, Buster Olney, during our lunch break, made three phone calls to MLB general managers and two MLB agents.

It was not Buster Olney giving the presentation with the laid-back students, but even though it was not, you should treat the presenter as if it was.

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“(The Faculty Senate’s forum committee) felt that perhaps this (was) not an isolated situation, and perhaps if we were to start a conversation about these two proposals here on our campus, maybe other campuses could also chime in eventually,” Abebe said.

Abebe said this conversation could lead to more unity throughout Eastern’s campus, as well as throughout all of higher education in Illinois.

A forum is the perfect way to start this conversation, as forums and discussions are an integral part of a university setting, Abebe

said.

“I think the university’s culture is one of asking questions and deliberation,” Abebe said. “We’re very proud of that generally, because decisions made that way are accepted by most people. Given that tradition, we felt that this is a major question: it affects our livelihood, it affects our interactions with our students, it affects our interaction with each other, it affects our service to the state and the best way to accomplish (something) would be to have an open conversation.”

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“We hope to help as many people in need,” Condron said. “We allow each person or household to visit us once every day 30 days.”

**In Mattoon**

Catholic Charities of Coles, Douglas and Edgar Counties, located at 4217 Dewitt Ave. in Mattoon, offers multiple resources other than food. The pantry is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“People do not realize that our building was once owned by Rural King,” said Debbie Albin, area director of Catholic Charities. “That being

said, we house furniture and clothing and many students have been able to find the necessary furniture they need for their apartments and dorms.”

Albin said the pieces of furniture they have in stock are usually in great condition. Catholic Charities offers food designed to feed up to one household for two to three days. The food can be non-perishable or perishable, and includes both frozen and canned foods.

“We have students come quite frequently to get everything they may need,” Albin said. “All we ask is that students wishing to come get these resources bring their student ID cards and that will be proof of residency.”

Mattoon Community Food Center, located at 600 Moultrie Ave., is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and

Fridays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., as well as on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m.

“We have a lot of boxed non-perishable items,” said Troy Jayroe, president of the food center. “We also have a few perishable items as well.”

Anyone wishing to visit the Mattoon Community Food Center needs to bring an ID, proof of residency in Coles County and will be required to be interviewed on their income and family size.

“We have pre-packaged boxes of food that are packaged based on family size,” Jayroe said. “We also have a few items on our shelves that people can choose as well.”

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# Dodgin’ for a cause



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Students play dodgeball in Lantz Arena Sunday night. Six registered teams played to raise \$500 to send a veteran on campus to the OVC basketball tournament in March. The game was held by the Student Advisory Council. “The Student Advisory Council is the group to organize the events. There are two members of SAC in every team to get involved. It is a great event. We are close to meeting our amount,” said Cindy Almon, director of academic services for athletics.

## The New York Times Crossword

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- ACROSS**

1 Pour love (on)

5 Prod

9 Antlered Yellowstone denizens

13 “Vous \_\_\_ ici” (French for “You are here”)

14 Derby entry

15 \_\_\_ fide (in bad faith)

16 Cries of discovery

17 “Would you mind?”

19 Letter accompanying a college application, informally

20 “This can’t be good”

21 N.F.L. team for which Joe Namath was a QB

22 Informal breakfast beverage order

25 Approximately, datewise

26 Cowboy movie setting

27 “Yes,” at the altar

29 “Quiet!”

30 “Dumb” bird

31 Botches

33 Hypnotist’s command

38 Expensive

39 Actor Jared of “Suicide Squad”

42 College dorm overseers, for short

45 Neckwear for a lobster eater

46 Michigan/Ontario border river

49 Skin care brand

51 “Ulysses” star, 1967

53 Like the first “d” in “Wednesday”

55 Salon job
- 56 Potentially alarming sight for an ocean bather

57 Cappuccino relative

59 Pizazz

60 Desertlike

61 Skiers’ shelter

62 Poker table payment

63 Strong cleansers

64 Like the Amazon rain forest

65 Company heads, in brief

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 14 Chipper greetings

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PUZZLE BY SAM EZERSKY

- 18 Holder of baseball’s highest career batting average (.366)

20 Manipulate

23 In one fell \_\_\_

24 \_\_\_ Stein, Green Party candidate for president in 2012 and 2016

28 Twosome

31 Take to the skies

32 Opposite of buys

34 University of Illinois city

35 Nintendo Switch predecessor

36 Cold War weapon inits.

37 “Sure, whatever”

40 Connect with

41 Sunset shades

42 Scamp

43 Where birds of a feather flock together

44 Many a Snapchat pic

46 Santa’s vehicle

47 Rich cake

48 Alternative to “net” or “org”

50 Monopoly cards

52 Tablets that run Safari

54 Rock’s Jethro \_\_\_

58 “Skip to My \_\_\_”

59 Onetime teen heartthrob Efron

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# Softball team goes 2-3 over weekend

By JJ Bullock  
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The Eastern softball team fell twice to No. 22-ranked La. over the weekend, but grabbed wins over Iowa and Samford University at the Mardi Gras classic in Lafayette, La.

The Panthers opened up the tournament with a 4-2 win over Iowa on Friday.

Junior outfielder Kayla Bear, who was named to USA Softball’s top 50 players to watch list, went 3-for-4 against Iowa and scored one run as she started off well in a weekend where she batted .385 in five games played for the Panthers.

Senior pitcher Jessica Wireman threw seven innings, giving up just one earned run, striking out eight batters in the process.

She pitched 15 total innings in the tournament and gave up four runs.

The senior led the team last year in strikeouts and picked up right where she left off in this tournament, striking out a team-high 18 batters over the weekend.

The Panthers were shut down by La.’s Kylee Jo Trahan in their second game. Trahan pitched a complete game, giving up one run and striking out nine batters.

Eastern senior Michelle Rogers did her best to match Trahan’s performance; she threw six innings and gave up just two runs, but a sacrifice bunt by La. shortstop Alissa Dalton in the fifth inning, gave the Ragin’ Cajuns the one run lead they would need to win.

Wireman pitched strong again on Saturday for the Panthers as she led them to a 4-0 shutout win over Samford.

Wireman struck out seven more batters in that game.

Eastern scored all four of its runs in the first inning, thanks largely in part to a three-run triple by



FILE PHOTO| THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS  
Junior Mady Poulter catches the throw from sophomore catcher Haley Mitchell at second base to catch Gabby Zizzi stealing on April 2017. Eastern went 2-3 over the weekend at the Mardi Gras Classic.

second baseman Mady Poulter.

In the fourth game of the tournament, the Panthers lost in 14-10 shootout that required nine innings of play before the Ragin’ Cajuns finally pulled away in the top of the final frame.

It was Dalton who game up big for Louisiana once again, she hit a two-run single in the top of the ninth inning.

Rogers was charged with the loss for the Panthers. She threw five innings and gave up three runs

on nine hits.

The Panthers scored four runs in the seventh inning to tie the game at 10, sending it into extra frames.

The inning started with freshman Morgan Lamore hitting a solo home run. First baseman Haley Mitchell followed that with a 2 RBI double. Poulter advanced to third and scored on a throwing error on the play.

Eastern lost its final game of the tournament to

Evansville in an 11-0 shutout loss.

The game was stopped after five innings and Evansville’s Eryn Gould pitched four strong innings, striking out eight batters in the game.

Eastern will play again in the Running Bulldog tournament beginning Feb. 16 with a game against Creighton.

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# Eastern comes up short against St. Louis

By Vince Lovergine  
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Last season, St. Louis got the better of the Eastern men’s tennis team 6-1, but this time around the Panthers fell just short Friday, losing 4-3 to St. Louis.

Sophomore Freddie O’Brien continued his dominance during the spring schedule, winning his fifth straight match.

O’Brien also helped his team earn another win at the No. 1 doubles position with senior partner Trent Reiman, but it was not enough for Eastern to close the victory.

During O’Brien’s No. 1 singles match, O’Brien saved three match points and picked up a win over David Ferragut, a two-time first team All-

Atlantic 10 Conference performer. O’Brien took the win in three sets 4-6, 7-6 (6), 1-0 (3) to improve to 5-1 on the season.

Eastern coach Sam Kercheval said O’Brien knew what to expect coming into the match, and it was a good win.

“Freddie was at another level against SLU,” he said. “He again was mentally tough, but more so physical with his game. It was fun to watch and he earned a good win against the reigning Atlantic 10 conference players of the year.”

O’Brien and Trent Reiman knocked off the Nogaski brothers, Justin and John 6-4, in the No. 1 doubles position. The Billikins won at No. 2 with David Ferragut and Oscar Pachon defeating freshman Logan Charbonneau and senior Jared Woodson 6-4. At doubles No. 3 Kenji Yana-

ba and Juan Calero took the win against senior Grant Reiman and sophomore Gage King-smith 6-3 to take the remaining two points.

The Panthers scored another point on the first win of the spring season by freshman Kaisei Kuroki. Kuroki came back to win in three sets against Oscar Pachon playing at No. 3 singles with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 win.

Kercheval was pleased to see Kuroki earn a win, and said it is a step in the right direction.

“I was pleased to see Kaisei come back and fight his way to a win even though it wasn’t his best tennis,” Kercheval said. “He really got into the match in the second set and found a way. This was a good step for his confidence to get his first win in a dual setting.”

Overall, Kuroki is 3-11 in singles play and

stands at 1-0 playing at the No. 3 singles position.

In the other singles matches, John Nogalski topped Charbonneau 6-3, 6-0, Justin Nogalski defeated Grant Reiman 6-3, 6-2. Kenji Yanaba got the better of Trent Reiman, winning 7-6, 6-1. Kingsmith collected the final point with a default win at No. 6 singles.

While the Panthers ride a three-game losing streak, Kercheval said the team needs to keep working and looking for everyone to step up and play well at the same time.

Eastern fell to 1-6 on the season and will play at Valparaiso next Friday.

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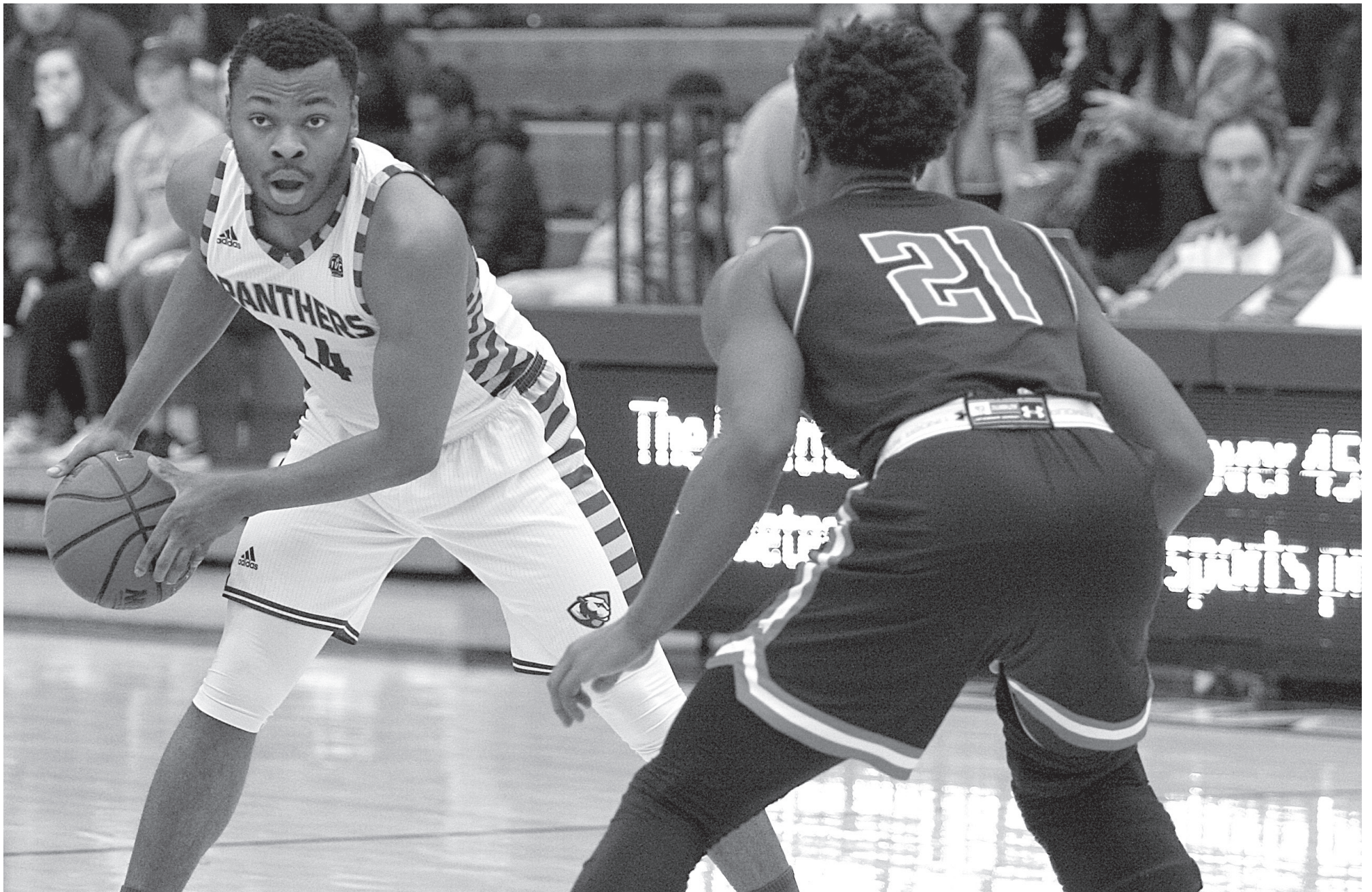


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Junior Jajuan Starks handles the ball at the top of the arc in the Panthers' 76-69 loss to Austin Peay Saturday in Lantz Arena. Starks scored six points in the game.

## Eastern's comeback falls short, loses to Austin Peay

By Sean Hastings  
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With just four games left in the season, the Eastern men's basketball team is in a three-way battle for the final two spots to get into the OVC Tournament.

Saturday's 76-69 loss to Austin Peay did not help Eastern's chances, but Southeast Missouri did help Eastern by beating Tennessee-Martin, keeping Eastern one game ahead of the Skyhawks.

The Panthers are in seventh in the standings as Southeast Missouri is ineligible for the tournament due to an Academic Progress Rate historic penalty. Eastern has a one-game lead on the 4-10 Skyhawks.

On Saturday, Mack Smith continued his impressive freshman season as he led the Panthers with 28 points. One week ago he set the Eastern freshman scoring record with 31 points against Tennessee Tech in Eastern's 79-71.

The Panthers were able to cut Austin Peay's 15-point lead down to two with just over two minutes to go off a jumper by senior Montell Goodwin, but Chris Porter-Bunton answered with a three-pointer to push it to five.

Austin Peay's big 41-point first half made Eastern's 30-point performance seem mediocre, and the Governors were able to keep pushing it in the second half to hold off Eastern the whole way.

Eastern got it back within three points

just 18 seconds later but started fouling in the final minute, and the Governors hit enough free throws to hold off Eastern.

Goodwin played 40 minutes for the fourth time this season and scored 17 points.

While Eastern is dealing with injuries at the guard position, coach Jay Spoonhour has mixed up the rotations more and more.

Junior Luke Jones played over 20 minutes again, junior Aboubacar Diallo played 16 and junior Ray Crossland played 33 after playing 38 on Thursday.

Diallo also picked up five blocks in the loss to give him 38 on the season which is third in the league behind Christian Mekowulu of Tennessee State, who has 39

and Christian Cunningham of Jacksonville State, who has 42.

Two of Eastern's next four games may carry great significance as Tennessee-Martin and Southern Illinois Edwardsville are both fighting for the final two spots just like Eastern.

The Panthers beat both schools once already, meaning one more win against both will give Eastern the tiebreaker barring any tie at the end of the season.

The Panthers will also play the tournament-ineligible Redhawks, so another loss to them would really help the Cougars and Skyhawks.

Murray State leads the conference with a 12-2 record and has a tournament spot locked up.

Eastern plays Southeast Missouri on the road Thursday, and the return of D'Angelo Jackson may be on the horizon, which will help guys like Goodwin and Smith get good shots.

After Eastern's win over Tennessee Tech Feb. 3, Spoonhour said Eastern needs to start getting Goodwin and Smith more open shots.

The Panthers have their next two games on the road with the final two of the regular season at home in Lantz Arena.

The OVC Tournament is in Evansville, Ind. and starts Feb. 28.

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## Slow first half sinks women's basketball team in home loss

By JJ Bullock  
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For the first time in a long time, the Eastern women's basketball team played a strong second half of basketball, but it still was not enough to overcome a 14-point halftime deficit, as Austin Peay handed the Panthers a ninth straight loss Saturday in Lantz Arena.

Austin Peay beat the Panthers 75-66 after taking control of the game early in the first half.

Over the course of the nine-game losing streak the Panthers are on, they have not played well in the second half of games, so when they shot 42.9 percent and outscored the Governors 37-32 in the second-half, it symbolized the breaking of at least one of the Panthers' bad streaks.

However, the team had a role reversal in the Austin Peay game, instead of playing bad in the second half, Eastern faltered in the first half and put themselves at a 43-29 deficit at halftime.



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Sophomore Jennifer Nehls looks to make a move in the lane in the Panthers' 75-66 loss to Austin Peay Saturday in Lantz Arena. Nehls had 15 points in the game to lead Eastern's scorers.

In the first half, the Panthers shot just 32 percent from the field and 4-of-13 from the three-point range

as they allowed Austin Peay to shoot 45 percent and go 12-of-12 from the free-throw line.

The Governors had two players score in double-digits in the first half; center Brianne Alexander scored 14 points on 4-of-6 shooting and forward Keisha Gregory added 11.

Gregory carried a bulk of the scoring responsibilities for Austin Peay in the game and went on to score 16 points in the second half, finishing with a game-high 27 points.

Eastern junior Halle Stull appeared to break out of her scoring slump in the first half, as she scored nine points on 3-of-6 shooting.

In the second half, it was the Panthers who enjoyed two players scoring in double-digit figures.

Freshman Karle Pace scored all 11 of her total points in the second half and sophomore forward Jennifer Nehls scored 12 points.

For Pace, the game was nothing new as she has been one of the Panthers' more consistent scorers during the losing streak. Nehls, however, has been struggling to find the basket at this time, and head coach

Matt Bollant has called out the team's post play after recent games, so her team-high 15 points was a step in the right direction for Eastern's struggling post-game.

The win for Austin Peay was very important for their position in the OVC standings, as it moved them to 7-7 in conference and into the No. 6 seed.

More than just the Eastern matchup mattered to Austin Peay on Saturday, however, because of how packed tight the middle of the standings are.

The Governors were helped on Saturday by Tennessee-Martin who beat Southeast Missouri, sending them down to a 6-8 conference record.

The loss for Eastern puts them at 1-13 in conference.

The Panthers' next game is Wednesday against Southeast Missouri.

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